# **EXHIBIT A**

su	PERSEDEAS BOND Bond No. 47-SUR-200216-01-0007
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS - EASTERN DIVISION	
Richard Rogers	) ) ) CASE NO. 19 C 3083
Vs.	)
BNSF Railway Company	)
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, as Principal, and Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company as Principal and Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company as Principal and Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company and Berkshire Hathaway Special And Berkshire Hathawa	
a Nebraska corporation, as Surety are held and firmly bound unto	
The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois - Eastern Division in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Million Four Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100	
Dollars (\$237,462,500.00	
for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.	
WHEREAS, the said BNSF Railway Company	
has petitioned the United States District Court	for the State of Illinois
for an appeal to said court of an action previously deci-	ded in
court, wherein the said BNSF Railway Company	
is Defendant, and being numbered	on the docket thereof;
NOW THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if the said	
BNSF Railway Company	shall pay all costs, disbursements
and judgements incurred by reason of the said appeal proceeding, then this obligation shall be null and void and released, otherwise to remain in full force and effect, provided however, the maximum liability of the surety shall not exceed the penal	
sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Million Four Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100	
	Dollars ( \$237,462,500.00 ).
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, BNSF Railway Company as Principal and Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Inst	rance Company as Surety, have hereuning serour hands this
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10th day of November	CORPOR O
ATTEST/WITNESS	BNSF Railway Company
By: Manla Siboson	By: Paul D ST TEAWARE
	Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company
	By: UMUICA DUMAN - OLUMA Amanda Turman-Avina, Attorney-in-Fact



Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, One Lincoln Street, 23rd Floor

authenticity of this Power of Attorney please contact us at: BHSI Surety Department,

verify the

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## Power Of Attorney

# BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY / NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Know all men by these presents, that BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Nebraska and having an office at One Lincoln Street, 23rd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY, a corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Nebraska and having an office at 3024 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131 and NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Connecticut and having an office at 100 First Stamford Place, Stamford, Connecticut 06902 (hereinafter collectively the "Companies"), pursuant to and by the authority granted as set forth herein, do hereby name, constitute and appoint: Amanda Turman-Avina, Tannis Mattson, Mary Ann Garcia, Laura E. Sudduth, Barbara Norton, Stephanie Gross, Jessica Richmond, Joyce Johnson, 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 2500 of the city of Houston, State of Texas, their true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge, and deliver, for and on their behalf as surety and as their act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, or other such writings obligatory in the nature thereof, in pursuance of these presents, the execution of which shall be as binding upon the Companies as if it has been duly signed and executed by their regularly elected officers in their own proper persons. This authority for the Attorney-in-Fact shall be limited to the execution of the attached bond(s) or other such writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

In witness whereof, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer of the Companies, and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed hereto this date of December 20, 2018. This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the Bylaws, Resolutions of the Board of Directors, and other Authorizations of BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY and NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, which are in full force and effect, each reading as appears on the back page of this Power of Attorney, respectively. The following signature by an authorized officer of the Company may be a facsimile, which shall be deemed the equivalent of and constitute the written signature of such officer of the Company for all purposes regarding this Power of Attorney, including satisfaction of any signature requirements on any and all undertakings, bonds, or other such writings obligatory in the nature thereof, to which this Power of Attorney applies.

By:

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY,
NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

By:

David Fields, Executive Vice President



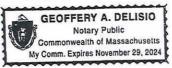


NOTARY

State of Massachusetts, County of Suffolk, ss:

On this 20th day of December, 2018, before me appeared David Fields, Executive Vice President of BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY and Vice President of NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY and NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, who being duly sworn, says that his capacity is as designated above for such Companies; that he knows the corporate seals of the Companies; that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are such corporate seals; that they were affixed by order of the board of directors or other governing body of said Companies pursuant to its Bylaws, Resolutions and other Authorizations, and that he signed said instrument in that capacity of said Companies.

[Notary Seal]



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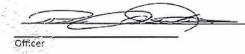
**Notary Public** 

I, Ralph Tortorella, the undersigned, Officer of BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, NATIONAL INDEMNITY
COMPANY and NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct
copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies which is in full force and effect and has not been revoked. IN TESTIMONY
WHEREOF, see hereunto affixed the seals of said Companies this November 10, 2022









#### BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY (BYLAWS)

#### ARTICLE V.

#### CORPORATE ACTIONS

#### **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS:**

Section 6.(b) The President, any Vice President or the Secretary, shall have the power and authority:

- (1) To appoint Attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company bonds and other undertakings, and
- (2) To remove at any time any such Attorney-in-fact and revoke the authority given him.

#### NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY (BY-LAWS)

#### Section 4. Officers, Agents, and Employees:

A. The officers shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, one or more Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer, and one or more Assistant Treasurers none of whom shall be required to be shareholders or Directors and each of whom shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at each annual meeting to serve a term of office of one year or until a successor has been elected and qualified, may serve successive terms of office, may be removed from office at any time for or without cause by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, and shall have such powers and rights and be charged with such duties and obligations as usually are vested in and pertain to such office or as may be directed from time to time by the Board of Directors; and the Board of Directors or the officers may from time to time appoint, discharge, engage, or remove such agents and employees as may be appropriate, convenient, or necessary to the affairs and business of the corporation.

#### NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY (BOARD RESOLUTION ADOPTED AUGUST 6, 2014)

RESOLVED, That the President, any Vice President or the Secretary, shall have the power and authority to (1) appoint Attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of this Company bonds and other undertakings and (2) remove at any time any such Attorney-in-fact and revoke the authority given.

### NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (BY-LAWS)

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Officers

#### Section 1. Officers, Agents and Employees:

A. The officers shall be a president, one or more vice presidents, one or more assistant vice presidents, a secretary, one or more assistant secretaries, a treasurer, and one or more assistant treasurers, none of whom shall be required to be shareholders or directors, and each of whom shall be elected annually by the board of directors at each annual meeting to serve a term of office of one year or until a successor has been elected and qualified, may serve successive terms of office, may be removed from office at any time for or without cause by a vote of a majority of the board of directors. The president and secretary shall be different individuals. Election or appointment of an officer or agent shall not create contract rights. The officers of the Corporation shall have such powers and rights and be charged with such duties and obligations as usually are vested in and pertain to such office or as may be directed from time to time by the board of directors; and the board of directors or the officers may from time to time appoint, discharge, engage, or remove such agents and employees as may be appropriate, convenient, or necessary to the affairs and business of the Corporation.

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